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Israeli Elections

Jerusalem radio announced the following election results as of 1000 GMT on 1 July: Alignment, 49 Knesset seats; Likud, 48; National Religious Party, 6; Agudat Yisra'el 5; HADASH, 4; Hatehiya, 2; Tami, 3; Shinuy, 1; Telem, 1; and Civil Rights Movement, 1. The radio cited the Alignment leaders as saying on 1 July that if their bloc gains a majority, they will insist on their right to try to form a coalition. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Menahem Begin and a number of Likud leaders held contacts through the night with the heads of the religious parties, the radio reported.

Lebanon

Missile Withdrawal, Phalangists Depart Zahlah--The Voice of Lebanon radio, citing Arab diplomatic sources in Beirut, reported on 1 July that Syria has withdrawn most of its SAM missiles from the Al-Biqa' valley. The report comes in the wake of the departure of Phalangist military units from the eastern city of Zahlah. Beirut radio said arrangements are being made for the deployment of the internal security force throughout Zalah. The Voice of Lebanon radio confirmed that the Phalangist units had been bused to Al-Jumhur and said units of the internal security forces took up positions inside Zahlah on the bridge and at strategic access points in the city. Beirut radio reported on 1 July that new units will soon be sent to Zahlah to reinforce the unit currently in the city. According to the Voice of Lebanon, the force in Zahlah now consists of 350 men and a number of armored vehicles. Reporting the Phalangist withdrawal from Zahlah, Damascus radio asserted that Arab Deterrent Forces (ADF) "liberated" the city. It said 97 Phalangists left Zahlah after handing in their arms to the ADF under the supervision of the internal security forces. According to the Voice of Lebanon, Phalangist and other Christian leaders held a ceremony in honor of the newly returned militias at the Phalangist Security Council premises. Praising their achievement in holding Zahlah for 6 months against the Syrians, military commander Bashir al-Jumayyil told the Christian fighters that a "new glory" awaits them elsewhere.

Situation in Beirut, South--Fighting continued in other parts of Lebanon, according to radio reports. The Voice of Lebanon reported sporadic firing in Beirut, while the clandestine Voice of Palestine radio reported that border-strip Christian militia shelled the Al-Qal'ah area in the south. The Voice of Palestine also said Palestinian forces drove away Israeli gunboats attempting to stage a night landing near Sidon and Tyre.

PLO

SPA reported that PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat left Saudi Arabia on 1 July after having met with King Khalid ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz and Crown Prince Fahd ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz to discuss current Middle East issues. According to the Voice of Palestine, PLO Political Department chief Faruq Qaddumi, at the head of a high-level Palestinian delegation, met in Moscow on 29 June with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrey Gromyko to discuss current developments. The radio reported that at a Moscow press conference on 30 June Qaddumi described PLO-Soviet relations as "strategic" and dwelled on the successful results of his visit. According to the radio, Qaddumi said the Israeli elections will change nothing in the Middle East, explaining that Likud and Labor do not differ in their views of the PLO. He also denounced U.S. policy and U.S. special envoy Philip Habib's visit to the area.

Further Reaction to Bombing--In a statement broadcast by Tehran radio, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni accused those "blind hearts who claim to crusade for the masses" of staging the bombing of the Islamic Republican Party (IRP) headquarters on 28 June in which 72 people died. Khomeyni condemned those who have gone into hiding and are committing "senseless crimes," calling them enemies of the masses who smooth the path for superpower intervention in Iran. Earlier, in an interview broadcast by Tehran radio, Minister of State for Executive Affairs Behzad Nabavi blamed known internal groups like the Mojahedin-e Khalq, Peykar, Fedai'yan-e Khalq and Forqan for the IRP headquarters bombing. He said such groups are trying to absolve themselves of responsibility for the incident by issuing statements condemning the bombing and by spreading rumors that other unknown groups were responsible. Nabavi asserted that neither the National Equality Party nor another group that had telephoned PARS was responsible, saying these groups are unknown and do not exist. He also denounced a statement issued by the Liberation Front that condemned the violence of the bombing incident but not the treason against the Islamic revolution. He said the liberation Front is thereby condoning nonviolent treason against the Islamic Republic.

Addressing a rally in front of the Majlis on the occasion of the funeral of those who died in the 28 June bombing, Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani called on the people to be alert and to report any suspicious activities to officials. In his speech, which was carried by Tehran radio, Rafsanjani cautioned the people not to pay any attention to rumors spread by Iran's enemies.

Arrests, Executions--Shariz radio reported that several people were arrested in Shiraz for publishing and distributing banned pamphlets and publications. It also reported that several "U.S. mercenaries" attached to a defamatory minigroup were arrested on the Shiraz-Marv Dasht road for transporting hangrenades. According to AFP, a former military attache to Israel was one of a dozen Iranians executed by firing squad on 28 June.

Ankara Denies Iranian Party Activity--In a statement broadcast by Ankara radio, the Turkish Foreign Ministry denied reports implying that the National Equality Party is conducting political activity from Turkey. The statement said it is impossible for any Iranian political party to conduct its activities in Turkey and asserted that Turkey will never tolerate any activity on its soil directed against "friendly and brotherly Iran and its regime."

Kurdish Fighting--Tehran radio reported that after a landmine killed a revolution guard in a vehicle, other guardsmen crushed a group of "counterrevolutionaries" in the Ravansar area of Iranian Kordestan, killing an unknown number of them.

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KARMAL TO REMAIN IN CSSR FOR MEDICAL CHECKUP

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[Text] The high-ranking party and government delegation, including Dr Saleh Mohammad Ziray, member of the Politburo and chairman of the National Fatherland Front National Committee, which accompanied Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, on an official and friendly visit to Prague at the invitation of the general secretary of the Communist Party Central Committee and president of the CSSR and of that country's government returned home today.

Members of the Politburo, some members of the PDPA Central Committee, vice chairmen of the Revolutionary Council, vice chairmen of the Revolutionary Council Presidium, some members of the Council of Ministers, the USSR ambassador in Kabul and the CSSR charge d'affaires in Kabul were present to welcome the delegation at Kabul international airport.

After the end of his official visit to Czechoslovakia, Babrak Karmal will stay in the country for several days for a medical checkup.

MATERIALS ON KARMAL'S VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

For materials on President Babrak Karmal's visit to Czechoslovakia, including the texts of the Czechoslovak-Afghan friendship and cooperation treaty and the joint statement on the visit, see the 30 June Eastern Europe DAILY REPORT.

BRIEFS

BAMIAN POLICE VOLUNTEER--Kabul, 21 Jun (BAKHTAR)--The heroic and valorous soldiers of police command and operative division of Bamian Province who have already completed the term of their military service have voluntarily applied to continue their military service in the ranks of police units until the complete annihilation of the enemies. The secretary of the provincial committee, governor and acting police commander of Bamian Province expressed appreciation for the patriotic sentiments of the soldiers. [Text] [Kabul BAKHRAT in English 0440 GMT 22 Jun 81 LD]

ZIAUL HAQ INTERVIEW WITH INDIAN WEEKLY REPRINTED

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[Excerpts of interview given by Pakistani President Ziaul Haq to Rajendra Sareen of the Indian weekly SUNDAY--date and place not given]

[Text] New Delhi, 24 Jun--Question: What do you feel about the security environment in southwest Asia and the Gulf region, with particular reference to the rivalry among the superpowers?

Answer: One should distinguish between events that provoke superpower rivalry and those that are its product. Roughly speaking, the problem in southwest Asia, by which I suppose you mean Afghanistan, would belong in the first category, while that in the Gulf region would fall in the second category. It is so because, apart from its strategic importance, the Gulf is the main source of energy for the world and no one superpower would like exclusive access to it by the other superpower. It is this inherent rivalry which brings the two superpowers in confrontation in this region. Afghanistan is not such a source of energy though its strategic value, like that of Pakistan, has a larger sweep than merely providing a route for the oil-producing Gulf region.

The Soviet Union's military intervention in Afghanistan is a strategic move of far-reaching consequences inviting an immediate response from the other superpower. The intrusion of Soviet power into Afghanistan and the exit of United States' influence from Iran following the overthrow of the shah have given a double strategic advantage to the Soviet Union. The Iran-Iraq conflict brings the rivalry between the superpowers into sharper focus. Further west this rivalry is reflected in the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Lebanese crisis, which is its product. As in the case of the Israeli occupation of the lands of the Arabs, so in the case of the presence of Soviet forces in Afghanistan, we have, as an Islamic and nonaligned country, taken our position on the basis of fundamental principles.

To confine myself to our immediate neighborhood, we are seeking a negotiated settlement of the Afghanistan crisis which would ensure the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan, the creation of conditions for the safe and honorable return of the refugees to their homeland, the maintenance of the independence and nonaligned character of Afghanistan, and the restoration of the Afghans' right to choose a government of their liking.

Similarly, as a member of the Islamic peace committee, we are exerting ourself to bring about a peaceful settlement of the Iran-Iraq conflict which is proving so ruinous to the two countries with which we have brotherly relations and whose losses we consider as our losses.

Question: Foreign Minister Agha Shahi recently spoke of Pakistan facing a two-front situation as a result of India and Afghanistan having treaties of friendship with the Soviet Union. This formulation apparently assumes that India and Soviet Union are in collusion with each other to attack Pakistan. How does one reconcile this formulation with the fact that throughout the 1970's India has consistently refused to become part of Mr Brezhnev's Asian security plan? More specifically, India has taken a categorical stand on the issue of Soviet troops in Afghanistan. Mrs Gandhi's statements during Mr Brezhnev's visit to Delhi in December 1980 and, earlier, Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao's statement during his visit to Moscow in June followed by his statement in the Lok Sabha provide ample testimony of India's refusal to accept the presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan. At the Nonaligned Foreign Ministers' Conference at Delhi in February this year, there was a close proximity between the Indian and Pakistani positions on the need for a political settlement. Does not Mr Shahi's statement amount to judgment being prejudiced by traditional conditioned reflexes?

Answer: We cannot overlook the fact that India and the Soviet Union are bound together by the treaty of August 1971, which, before the end of that year, resulted in the Indian invasion of east Pakistan. Military cooperation between India and the Soviet Union is a continuous process. With Soviet help, India has built up an enormous military potential and the new acquisitions of Soviet weaponry for the Indian armed force, already contracted for, would induct more sophisticated military equipment estimated to be worth about $8-10 billion in terms of Western prices. This would be in addition to the annual Indian capacity for indigenous production worth about $2 and 1/2 billion. The question naturally poses itself to our people as to why this heavy armament program is undertaken by India which faces no threat whatsoever from any of its neighbors.

With the past experience of Indian forces becoming instrumental in the dismemberment of Pakistan, the continuing hostility toward Pakistan reflected in Indian official and media comments, and the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, the thought of a two-front situation naturally occurs to our people.

Your reference to India's refusal to endorse the Asian security plan is somewhat academical, whereas the Indo-Soviet treaty of 1971 is a fact. Similarly, India's stand on the issue of Soviet troops in Afghanistan has, forgive me, for commitment, too, the principles of equivocation. The lasting impression is that as between India's commitment to the principles of nonalignment and the obligations it has assumed towards the Soviet Union under the bilateral treaty, the pragmatist approach has prevailed over the principled stand. We feel that at the Nonaligned Movement conference held at New Delhi recently our endeavors to keep the Nonaligned Movement on its true course saved much embarrassment to India. So let us not talk about conditioned reflexes.

Question: On Afghanistan, the United States does not appear to be aiming at the withdrawal of the Soviet troops as much as to subject the Russians to mounting politico-military costs. Even though Pakistan has a perfectly valid right, in exercise of its national sovereignty, to align with the American objectives, it cannot but result in jeopardizing the security of the entire subcontinent. The Soviets have undoubtedly landed themselves in a political disaster in Afghanistan, but militarily it is no more than a stalemate in which the Soviets cannot be forced to leave in the face of the pressure of insurgency, no matter whatever the quantity and nature of sophisticated arms supplied to the rebels by the United States, that is, if Pakistan agrees to serve as a conduit. So far Pakistan has declined to assume this role. In this context the first priority should be to secure the withdrawal of the Soviet troops. If that becomes secondary to the exigencies of U.S. global strategy, then this region may be faced with a fait accompli.

Answer: This question has a marvellously twisted mosaic. The pattern is distorted because the lines are infirm. I would not like here to pass judgment on the United States' aims, whatever they may be, but must reject immediately and with all the emphasis at my command the suggestion that there is any propensity on our part to align ourselves with the objectives of U.S. policies.

I must also firmly repudiate the suggestion that the acquisition of arms by Pakistan from the United States will turn Pakistan into a conduit for American arms for the Afghan mojahedin. Pakistan under no circumstances will allow itself to be such a conduit. It has, however, every right to strengthen its defense capability when it is faced with a difficult situation. Pakistan wishes to acquire urgently needed defense equipment by purchasing it from the United States, which is a traditional source for such shopping. The size of our purchases is obviously limited by the size of the resources at our disposal, which bears no comparison with those of India.

The mere prospect of Pakistan's being able, after years of deprivation, to replace some of its obsolete defense equipment should not have caused the hue and cry in India which it has. A strong Pakistan, both in terms of economic well-being and defense capability, should be viewed as an asset by India if all the good intentions you attribute to India are genuine.

One wrong assumption has led to another wrong assumption, that Pakistan may be jeopardizing the security of the entire subcontinent. A more pertinent observation would be whether or not the intrusion of Soviet military power in our region, indirectly in the dismemberment of Pakistan in 1971 and directly in the subversion of Afghanistan's independent and nonaligned status by the Soviet military intervention, are not the main factors in jeopardizing the security of the subcontinent. Is it also not pertinent to ask whether India would not have been in stronger moral position to pronounce unequivocally on the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, if it had not introduced its armed forces in east Pakistan under cover of the bilateral Indo-Soviet treaty of friendship of 1971? Pakistan contemplates no such treaty with the United States. It has made it quite clear that any development in its relations with the United States must be compatible with its independent nonaligned status and membership of the Islamic Conference. Pakistan is certainly not entering into a military-aid relationship with the United States, and there is no question of its giving bases on its territory to the United States. One of the imperatives of our foreign policy is never to get ourselves involved in any way whatsoever in the rivalry of the superpowers.

Question: How does Pakistan view itself in geostrategic terms? In the regional sense, is it the front garden of the subcontinent opening out on west Asia, or is it the extension of west Asia, or is it the extension of west Asia into the subcontinent? Does any special privilege attach to repudiating Pakistan's historical ties with the subcontinent? In any event, geographically Pakistan remains a part of the subcontinent. Isn't it?

Answer: Pakistan is not merely an extention of the Middle East into South Asia or the front garden of South Asia opening out on west Asia. It has a personality and identity of its own. Your question also implies that there is a contradiction between Pakistan's links with its South Asian neighbors and its neighbors to the west. Pakistan has important ties and interests in both regions, and is making efforts to strengthen its cooperation with both. In today's world of fast communications and global interdependence it would be pedantic to fit any country in a geographical pigeonhole.

Question: Pakistan is understandably interested in the security of the Gulf region. So is India. Pakistan's primary emphasis is on Islamic bonds. Secular India's principal objective is security of a neighboring region because disturbed conditions in the Gulf cannot allow South Asia to live in peace. India has had very close relations with the Gulf countries. There really is no conflict in this sphere because of the policies of both India and Pakistan, proceeding from different premises, converge on a single objective. In the event should there not be close collaboration between the two countries in pursuit of the common objective?

Answer: It is true that Pakistan has close Islamic bonds with countries in the Gulf region, but Pakistan is also, like India, a close neighbor of the countries in the area. Its interest in the security and peace of the region stems from both these considerations. However, we are committed to the Mecca declaration and have always supported the Gulf states' position that the security of the region is the exclusive responsibility of the littoral states themselves, without outside interference. Pakistan is not a littoral state of the Gulf and has no role to play in ensuring the security of the region. The question of collaborating with any other country for this purpose does not therefore arise. Our relations with the Gulf states are very fraternal. We wish them well, and do not view India's efforts to develop good relations with them in a spirit of rivalry.

Question: India and Pakistan today find themselves in a situation in which the geostrategic imperatives have assumed a dimension that both have to take a fresh look at the whole gamut of factors which determine their relationship. It is no longer possible for either of them to devise a security framework on the basis of looking away from each other, because in that event each of them has the capacity to render infructuous whatever the other seeks to achieve. Conceptually, in exercise of their national sovereignty they certainly have the right to do so, but do the geostrategic imperatives admit of such an attitude?

Answer: I entirely agree with you that the imperatives of the geopolitical situation call for closer understanding between India and Pakistan. Such an understanding must be based on a sympathetic appreciation of each other's security concerns, but it must also reflect full respect for the principle of sovereign equality, which implies that each country is free to develop and maintain friendly relations with a variety of countries. Friendship with any country should not be directed against any other country, that is, in fact, the essence of nonalignmnet.

Question: Pakistan undoubtedly has the right to seek arms from the United States or anywhere else--so has India. But when all that has been said, the question still remains that security encompasses a lot more than collection of arms and ammunition. The point to appreciate is that India and Pakistan are natural partners in the geostrategic sense. Pakistan is the extension of India's defense, while India has the depth and infrastructure, body and mass, technology and resources without which Pakistan cannot sustain its defense should a threat emerge from outside the subcontinent. There are of course political impediments but a careful look at the factors involved would bear out that there is neither an issue nor a cause over which either of them has anything to gain by opting for an armed conflict. Is it not desirable for our two countries to reconcile with the logic of this situation?

Answer: I am glad that you appreciate that both Pakistan and India have an equal right as sovereign states to acquire military supplies from whatever source they consider necessary for their defense. If you look at the record this has been precisely our position. What we do not understand is why India wants to deny this right to Pakistan. This reflects an adversary perception of Pakistan on India's part which contradicts your statement that the two countries are natural partners in a geostrategic sense. If the logic of your statement should find greater acceptance in India, things would be far better in the subcontinent. Unfortunately statements continue to come forth from your country which do not contribute to the process of confidence-building, which is so necessary if our countries and peoples are to coexist as good neighbors.

Question: Whatever role has been earmarked for Pakistan by the United States in its objective of building up a 'strategic consensus' in the Gulf region, there can be no doubt that the determining factor will be global strategy of the United States in supersession of whatever objectives Pakistan might have in opting to join this arrangement. A number of U.S. strategists have openly discussed the possibility that the United States might have to physically intervene in the Gulf even though the countries of the region have refused to acquiesce in this concept. The other U.S. interest is to have homeport facilities in the region, possibly in Pakistan. What happens if the United States seeks from Pakistan some quid pro quo which is not consistent with your membership of the Nonaligned Movement?

Answer: Your concern about the U.S. objective of including Pakistan in a strategic consensus in the Gulf region, or seeking homeport facilities in Pakistan, has been a recurring theme of your questions. This should not be so. I have repeatedly stated that Pakistan is a signatory of the Mecca declaration, which rules out its participation in any strategic consensus of the kind you speak of. I would reiterate this position once again and reaffirm that the question does not arise of our conceding any bases to the United States since that would be inconsistent with our membership of the Nonaligned Movement.

Question: The United States is seeking to evolve a 'strategic consensus' in the Gulf as a part of its global strategy. The Soviet Union would not countenance that. Even before the concept has unfolded in concrete terms, the crisis in Lebanon created by the Israeli intransigence has demonstrated the tenuous basis of the U.S. assumption. Saudi Arabia has backed Syria unmindful of the latter's military links with the Soviet Union. How does Pakistan evaluate the situation developing in Lebanon?

Answer: We are deeply concerned at the present strife in Lebanon, the blame for which rests entirely with Israel. The crisis in Lebanon has been stirred up by the Zionist entity, who by inciting communal tensions wishes to browbeat Syria and establish its hegemony over the whole region, particularly Lebanon. The problem in Lebanon is not of a sectarian nature as Israel attempts to portray and exploit it, but of reaffirming Lebanon's unity, sovereignty and independence. Pakistan fully supports the efforts of the Arab countries in this regard.

Question: The U.S. loans for purchase of arms are going to add substantially to Pakistan's national debt liability. At the close of last fiscal year it stood at around $10 billion. In 1979 U.S. refusal to accommodate Pakistan on debt rescheduling created a situation where the inflow of fresh foreign aid was around $800 million and the outflow was $720 million, resulting in a serious economic crisis for Pakistan. Now the pressure has eased because the United States is interested in accommodating Pakistan. But if Pakistan falls out of step with the United States the 1979 situation can be recreated. Does this not introduce an element of uncertainty for Pakistan?

Answer: While it is true that Pakistan, like many other developing countries, faces an enormous economic problem on account of serving of its debts, there are a number of unacceptable and fallacious premises on which this question is based. The entire discussion between the United States and Pakistan center round the principles on which a bilateral relationship is going to be built. If, as I have said elsewhere, the United States accepts and indeed shows respect for Pakistan's policy of nonalignment and for its commitments to the Islamic world, the United States cannot expect that Pakistan will form part of what is called the strategic consensus. Nonaligned Movement and the Organization of Islamic Countries are dedicated to evolving common grounds between their members which steer clear of superpower rivalries. The governments of United States and Pakistan have both indicated that clearly defined perceptions must constitute the basis for their relationship so that room for uncertainty is eliminated as far as possible. We do not therefore anticipate the kind of situation that you envisage.

Question: A few months back Mrs Gandhi wrote to you underscoring India's commitment to Pakistan's national sovereignty and territorial integrity. This does not seem to have had any significant impact on the media, more particularly the government-owned media. Earlier this month, Mrs Gandhi made highly conciliatory statements in the course of an interview with Mr M.S. Naqvi of the daily MUSLIM. For that Mrs Gandhi has been accused by the paper editorially of double-think. If she says nothing, she is termed cold and aloof. If she comes forth with sentiments of good will, she is dubbed clever. In such circumstances, how does one proceed?

Answer: This question is most unfortunately worded and could lure one into passing judgments on the credibility of the media, or, worse, of Prime Minister Gandhi herself. We have great respect for Mrs Indira Gandhi and would wish her to take a more sympathetic view of Pakistan, its problems and its policies, which exclude ill will towards India. The prime minister has made many statements in which talk of war has been rather a prominent feature. There have been similar bellicose statements from a number of well-placed Indian commentators. These have evoked responses from our media, sometimes of matching acerbity. All I can say is that prime minister Indira Gandhi must be left alone to create her own image in Pakistan by the quality of her statements.

Question: Going by the comment in the media, there seems to be widely held belief in Pakistan that India does not want Pakistan to continue as a nation. Would you Mr President, comment on the validity of the theory that India is out to destroy Pakistan in pursuit of the mythical objective of 'Akhand Sharat' [united India]? Incidentally, this is a phrase more prevalent in Pakistan than in India, where annulment of partition is not even a subject of small talk, leave alone serious discussion.

Answer: Fears in regard to India's intentions originate in the written and spoken words of opinionmakers in India. You are aware of the recent statements critical of Pakistan which have appeared in your prestigious press and unfriendly utterances by well known personalities known to be close to the prime minister. Less of such statements would produce more of the kind of responses in Pakistan which you cherish.

Question: One of the psychological impediments in building up mutual confidence is the feeling in Pakistan that closer relations between the two countries would erode her national sovereignty. There is no rational justification for that. Would you agree that the many common links of culture, heritage, history, geography, language and shared Oriental values are not incompatible with the fact of there sovereign nations inhabiting the subcontinent?

Answer: Culture, heritage, history, geography, language and values, like the seas and the oceans, can unite or divide depending on your capacities and intentions in regard to their use. Pakistan and India have indeed a great deal in common in all these fields which provide a firm foundation for the development of a mutually supportive relationship.

A great responsibility rests on the political leadership and opinionmaking agencies of our two countries to exploit the potentialities of these powerful factors in a positive manner. We live in a world of hard realities where the richer side of our heritage is often sacrificed at the altar of political ambitions.

When we have made a correct appreciation of a problem, we have already taken the first positive step towards its solution.

I assure you that Pakistan has enough self-confidence to enter into a mutually beneficial relationship with India, provided India fulfills its obligations as the largest country in South Asia to act and speak in a manner which would include a sense of confidence and security in its smaller neighbors.

PRC VICE MINISTER HOPES FOR INCREASED TRADE

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[Text] The visiting vice minister for foreign trade of People's China, Mr Wang Runsheng, yesterday said his country was keen to increase the volume of trade between the two countries and expressed the desire to have trade with Pakistan even outside the protocol signed in Islamabad during his delegation's current tour.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting arranged by the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Mr Wang Runsheng, who headed a six-member trade delegation, expressed the hope that with common efforts, the volume of trade between China and Pakistan would continue expanding in the future, Referring to remarks of Mr Maher Alavi for Chinese assistance to Pakistan, he said that despite China still being a developing country, it would extend support to Pakistan in technical and economic fields. Mr Wang also referred to his delegation's discussions in Islamabad for expanding the volume of trade between the two countries and said these were "fruitful." He pointed out that both the countries were keen to further strengthen their trade ties.

In his welcome address, president of the federation, Mr Maher Alavi, expressed the hope that as a result of China's entry into the IMF, it should be possible to arrange for greater flow of trade between the two countries. The trade protocol that had been signed provided for the exchange of goods worth $20 million each way. This should help in further exchange of goods, he said. Mr Alavi told the visiting team that the Chinese goods were popular with the users here because of their competitive prices and higher quality. He paid rich tributes to the Chinese workmanship.

The FPCC&I chief noted with satisfaction that Pakistan had been the recipient of the largest amount of aid that China had provided on a global basis to countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. Mr Alavi also appreciated that 90 percent of Chinese aid had been interest free and represented aid on soft terms.

Earlier, the Chinese trade team held discussions with the adviser to the president for foreign trade and chairman export promotion bureau, Mr Hamid Habib; officials of the TCP and EPB also attended the meeting. Both sides agreed to explore possibilities to further increase the volume of trade between the two countries.

AFGHAN REBELS REPORTEDLY SHOOT DOWN SOVIET MIG

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[Text] Peshawar, 27 Jun--The Russian pilot of the MiG-21 shot down by Afghan mojahedin in a recent battle over Tangi Pass in Nangarhar Province of Afghanistan, who was supposed to have died, according to photographs published in Pakistani newspapers, is in fact alive and in the custody of the mojahedin. The man shown in the photograph is in fact Flight Engineer Eura, who had bailed out along with the pilot after their plane was hit and caught fire.

The name of the pilot, who is slightly wounded, is Mikhail Senonovich. He hails from the city of Kiev in Ukraine. He had taken off from the Bagram airport in Kabul. Talking to a correspondent of AL-NUR, an organ of the mojahedin, the pilot, when asked to comment on Russian objectives in Afghanistan, said: "I cannot tell you, but it is something both you and I know very well."

Answering another question as to how the Russian bombings and other atrocities on the innocent civilians of Afghanistan could be justified, the pilot said: "These atrocities are not authorized by law, but they are going on in Afghanistan due to a misunderstanding. The Russians had been assured by the Afghan communists that all the Afghan people were with them, but the situation is otherwise. The atrocities and bombings still continue, because we know that if we stop them the Afghan people would destroy the local communists."

BRIEFS

KUWAITI PIPELINE ASSISTANCE--Kuwait is to provide Pakistan with 9 million Kuwaiti dinar worth $32.7 million for a natural gas pipeline project in Baluchistan. An agreement to this effect has been signed in Kuwait. [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 25 Jun 81 BK]

ISLAMIC, OPEC ECONOMIC AID--Pakistan received economic aid worth about $2.01 billion up to March this year from the UAE, Kuwait, Iran, Libya, Saudi Arabia and OPEC fund. [Text] [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 28 Jun 81 BK]

KHOMEYNI STATEMENT QUESTIONS MOTIVE BEHIND BOMBING

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[Statement by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni "in connection with the martyrdom of 72 dear children of Islam and the Islamic nation," issued in Tehran on 30 June]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The nation which has risen to establish Islamic justice, to implement the principles of the holy Koran and to cut off the hands of the criminal superpowers while living in freedom and independence, has prepared itself for martyrdom and giving martyrs and is not afraid that the criminal hands of the superpowers have come out of the sleeve of a group of professional criminals who martyr its best and most committed children. Is martyrdom not a heritage left to us by our forebears, who regarded their belief and their crusade as their life and who guarded the most distinguished school of Islam with their blood and that of their dear youths?

Shame on you, you discards of Satan, and shame on you mercenaries of international criminals who have crawled into holes and have begun committing acts of blind sabotage. Your great shortcoming and that of your supporters is that you are not familiar with Islam and its spiritual power, nor are you aware of the Muslim nation and its motive for self-sacrifice. You do not know the nation which sacrificed tens of thousands of its dear youths in order to topple the evil regime of Pahlavi and to win freedom from being the slave of the great Satan, the nation which stood with unrivaled courage and did not so much as blink an eye.

ou [words indistinct] attacked the children of Islam like the martyr Beheshti and other precious martyrs of the Majlis and the Cabinet with your insults and cowardly false accusations to separate them from the nation. Now that the weapon is rendered useless and your disgrace is known everywhere, you have crept into holes and are committing senseless crimes, trying to frighten the martyr-raising and self-sacrificing nation with these savage acts. But you do not realize that the word fear does not exist in the dictionary of martyrdom. Now Islam is proud of these martyrs and the martyr-nurturing nation and proudly invites all the people to resist. We are determined to see the establishment of Islam and to give our lives for it. The nation of Iran has sacrificed 72 innocent martyrs --the same number as the martyrs of Karbala'. The nation of Iran is proud to be able to give such men to (?the society), men who have devoted their lives to serving Islam and Muslims. The enemies of the people martyred a group who had gathered to discuss the affairs of the country.

Oh dear nation, these blind hearts who claim to crusade for the masses [mojahedat bara-ye khalq] have deprived the nation of the existence of some of the most active and sincere servants of the masses.

Let us say that you had something against the martyr Beheshti, who lived meekly and died meekly and whose existence was like a thorn in the side of the enemies of Islam, especially yours; what did you have against the more than 72 innocent people who were mostly from among the best servants of the masses and seriously opposed the enemies of the nation? Are you anything but enemies of the masses who smooth the path for the Eastern and Western plunderers, despite your name?

The nation of Iran, relying on the limitless power of Almighty God, moves forward like a torrent and confronts the superpowers and their discards like [words indistinct] and will send you, you helpless savages who have crept into holes and are taking your last breaths, to hell. Almighty God supports this country and this nation. Once again, I congratulate and express my condolences to the remnants of God, the oppressed nations of the world and the fighting nation of Iran. I share the sorrow and grief of the families of these martyrs and I beseech Almighty God for peace for the meek and patience for their esteemed families.

May God's blessing and the endless praises of the nation be upon all the martyrs of the revolution from 26 May 1963 to 28 June 1981. Greetings and congratulations to all the oppressed of the world and Iran throughout history.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi Khomeyni, 30 June 1981

AFP ROUNDUP ON 30 JUN FUNERAL PROCEEDINGS

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[Text] Tehran, 30 Jun (AFP)--Hundreds of thousands of Iranians--the state news agency said millions--today expressed their grief and anger at the funeral of the 72 victims of the weekend bomb blast at the headquarters of the Islamic Republican Party.

The speaker of parliament, Ayatollah 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani set the tone of the ceremonies from a balcony behind a wall of revolutionary guards:

"These martyrs are heroes of the revolution and the people will fight relentlessly against the hypocrites who are the spearhead of world imperialism," he said.

Those killed included Chief Justice Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti, the head of the IRP who was said to be Iran's second most powerful figure, four ministers and a number of members of parliament.

Also buried today was Evin Prison Governor Mohammad Kachu'i, assassinated yesterday "by American agents during the course of his duties," radio Tehran said. Meanwhile, memorial processions were held in other Iranian towns that lost their parliamentary deputies.

The crowd, mainly dressed in black, shouted that the weekend bombing was a repeat of the massacre of Karbala', when the third Shi'ite Muslim imam, Hoseyn, was killed with 71 of his followers in the 8th century A.D.

The ambulances carrying the coffins in the long funeral cortege were covered with portraits of Ayatollah Beheshti, Iran's "spiritual leader" Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni and other leading clergy.

They also bore banners with slogans reading "Death to America." (The United States, blamed in Iran for the explosion, has denied any involvement.)

Other slogans called on "the people to rise up for a new revolution against the crimes of America," and a few people cried "Death to Bani-Sadr", the Iranian president dismissed 10 days ago and now in hiding.

Men and women, segregated according to strict Islamic custom, carried red gladioli symbolizing the blood of the martyrs, and beat their breasts, crying "Beheshti, you were the light of the imam. You were innocent."

Many of the mourners burst into tears when the list of the names of the dead, beginning with Ayatollah Beheshti, were read out over loudspeakers.

At Shush Square in southern Tehran the crowds commandeered buses, cars and every other vehicle going to the cemetery at Behesht-e Zahra, 20 km (12 miles) away, where many "martyrs" of the revolution are buried.

But packed into the vehicles under a blazing sun as jets of water played on them, the mourners were halted still some distance from the cemetery by an enormous traffic jam blocking all roads.

Those that did force their way through on foot were able to witness the burial of the victims in a special plot. After being washed and wrapped in white sheets the bodies were to lie in the mausoleum still to be constructed, with their faces turned towards Mecca.

Rafsanjani Addresses Rally

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[Speech by Majlis Speaker Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani delivered at a 30 June rally in front of the Majlis on the occasion of the funeral of those who died in the 28 June bombing--recorded]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. For the souls of the martyr, all those who were martyred for the victory of the revolution, in the war against foreign enemies, in the crusade against internal hypocrites, would all those here say a prayer.

Today, we have come to the funeral of more than 70 [words indistinct] who were very similar to those martyred in the Ohod war [early battle of Islam]; we shall take them to a graveyard that will be like the graveyard of the Ohod martyrs in Medina; it will be like inspiring those other graves.

The Islamic Consultative Assembly, this house of yours and this trench that defends the rights of Islam and oppressed people, suffered a great loss in this incident and great crime; we have--so far as ascertained--lost (27) of the best allies of our Majlis. Of course, we consider them as the best reserves and capital of the revolution and the best means for its continuation; they are no longer alive, but we have their presence as the champions of the revolution, as inspiration for the continuation of the revolution in history--and they shall remain so. The Cabinet lost a group of its best and most active members, at the ministerial and deputy ministerial level. Our other brothers, the members of the Islamic Republican Party [IRP]--on whose account this crime has committed--[word indistinct] lost their lives. But all these are the revolution's reserves. A group of students of Qom seminary were also martyred. Among the martyrs, our dear brother and friend who was always present in the trench, His Excellency Ayatollah Beheshti, is a special case.

When in the Ohod war, that [word indistinct] happened and that blow was dealt, the small world of Islam [words indistinct], so that the Heavens consoled them and God, with the Koran's sayings, consoled them. But today, our national strength has reversed the situation; instead of your morale suffering a blow you, the people, came to the scene, poured into the streets and consoled the officials and even your imam. May God give you [word indistinct] and make you stronger and ready for the jihad for Islam and righteousness and for the defeat of the wrong [words indistinct] in comparison with Ohod; the Koranic verse says: If you have suffered, do not fret, your enemy has suffered more than you. It is God's custom to cause these incidents in order to create a correct Islamic history among nations.

Our enemy has suffered many blows. Our enemy is not [words indistinct] and internal counterrevolution; it does not (?merely comprise of) international imperialism, [word indistinct] reactionary, internal leeches, [word indistinct], corrupt ones, [words indistinct]; the combination of all of these is our enemy. They suffered grave blows from us, and with every blow that we suffered, by way of every martyr, we have grown stronger and [word indistinct]. Our enemy suffered the first blow when the Pahlavi dynasty was defeated and the fortress of imperialism in the region collapsed; [words indistinct] the enemy started its journey out. [shouts of "God is great" and other slogans] The enemy is repeatedly suffering blows from us in the political, [word indistinct], military scene.

On the war scenes, the brothers in the army, guards, mobilization unit and our other forces are dealing fatal blows to Saddam, who today is the [words indistinct] of colonialism; and inside the country, our fighting and [word indistinct] forces and our nation are dealing blows at [words indistinct] of colonialism who act in the guise of the Mohahedin-e Khalq, Peykar, the minority groups of Fedai'yan-e Khalq and other hypocrites, the past Savakists, capitalists, God-forsaken liberals [words indistinct].

The (?bombs) that exploded in (?the headquarters of our IRP) and took away our dear friends, will create an explosion in society, thousands of times greater than an atomic explosion; it will destroy the roots of hypocrisy and blasphemy in the country and the region. [shouts from the crowd] [passage indistinct] In the fight against internal counterrevolution, who had a two year opportunity to infiltrate anywhere [word indistinct], you are Islam's basis; you should be careful; you should be alert; you should observe everything and immediately report suspicious activities to the officials. I also reiterate that this heartrending incident should anger you lest you lose control and exceed the limits of Islam, [word indistinct] and justice in punishing the counterrevolution--which of course you will not. Be ready; beware; [words indistinct] so that you could give continual cooperation to the police and the security officers, so that you could uproot [words indistinct] where counterrevolution has infiltrated this revolution. [shouts from the crowd] [passage indistinct]

Another matter that I should say as a recommendation, using the (?Koranic verses about) the Ohod war, [words indistinct] in order to defeat the prophet's [word indistinct], counterrevolution in those days [words indistinct] spread the rumor that the prophet was martyred and broke the morale of the people. The Koran gave a lesson to the people, which was [words indistinct]; this lesson is important for us today. You the people are following this lesson automatically and with Islamic sense. (?The meaning) of this verse is that the nation should rely on itself; the people should stand on a (?popular platform) so that the revolution could have [words indistinct]. If the great prophet, God's messenger and your leaderwere to die [words indistinct], or be martyred, you should not [words indistinct]; the only thing that could safeguard the continuation of the revolution forever is the presence of you dear ones, who are the (?owners) of the revolution.

Of the issues that merit mention, one is that--I say this in accordance to my remarks [as heard]--today, the enemy has embarked on spreading rumors; the same rumor that it spread regarding the death of the prophet in the Ohod war. You should be alert; do not pay any attention to the rumors, neutralize them. The enemy is being defeated on the warfront. Therefore, it is resorting to all sorts of tricks: explosions, assassinations, rumors, [words indistinct], statements, foreign radios--they are using all these methods in order to [word indistinct] this nation. [passage indistinct]

I expre-s my condolences to the families of those who were martyred in the bomb explosion catastr.phe [words indistinct] I leave you in God's hands. May peace and God's mercy be upon you.

NABAVI ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMB BLAST

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[Government Spokesman Behzad Nabavi interview with unidentified correspondent--recorded; date and place not given]

[Text] [Question] Mr Nabavi, unknown groups have claimed responsibility for the bombing of the central headquarters of the Islamic Republican Party. Which movement do you think was involved in this incident?

[Answer] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The involvement of unknown groups in this incident is hereby categorically denied.

I have heard that a group called Equality in Turkey has issued a statement accepting responsibility for the incident. Another group has telephoned PARS. These groups are unknown and do not exist. This act was committed by known internal groups, and inf mation about this will be given to the dear compatriots as soon as it is available. Basically, these rumors here spread by leftist and corrupt and hypocrite groups like Mojahedin-e Khalq, Peykar, Fedai'yan-e Khalq and Forqan since they have seen the deep and strong hatred and anger of the people and they are now frightened. They fear the punishment of the people and masses more than legal punishment, since the people's reaction has been such that, if someone thinks about the outcome of his action then would be frightened. It is in this connection that these known groups are trying to clean their hands of this incident. They might well issue a statement and formally condemn this act, but these are all efforts to save themselves from the anger of the people and the revenge of the law. These groups might have other plans as well and are probably trying to put the blame on unknown groups.

[Question] [Words indistinct] different groups and organizations have condemned this act, including the Liberation Front, which has announced its stance in a statement. How do you view this stance?

[Answer] Yes, I saw this statement, too. Of course, the Liberation Front does not condemn the treason, but the violence is condemned. It is like those statements issued by the Mojahedin-e Khalq when Forqan members carried out their terrorist plans. Mojahedin-e Khalq used to say that they condemn acts of violence. Unfortunately, the Liberation Front has adopted such a stance; this is a political stance and at the end of the statement they ask the imam to stop acts of violence in retaliation. In fact, they have avoided the point of the issue and have not condemend treason, treason against the Islamic revolution. They have only condemned acts of violence. In fact, the implication is that if someone commits treason against the Islamic revolution without violence it is all right.

PARS: DEATH TOLL FROM EXPLOISION REACHES 74

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[Text] Tehran, 1 Jul (AFP)--The death toll from last Sunday's bomb blast at the headquarters of the governing Islamic Republican Party is now known to be 74 PARS reported today.

The agency said that many people were injured and being treated in hospital. Three of the nine M.P's hurt attended parliament in wheelchairs in order to make up the necessary quorum.

Among those killed were party leader and Chief Justice Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti, 4 ministers and 27 M.P's.

FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL: U.S. LIES ABOUT BOMBING

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[From the press review]

[Text] Commenting on a statement by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI has quoted an official at the Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran as saying: We say frankly that the United States is lying. We have obtained accurate information proving U.S. support for the counterrevolutionaries, especially the hypocritical organization and the armed struggle organization. We have also proved the existence of relations between the coordination bureau of the former president and the terrorist Mafia organization.

The official source at the Foreign Ministry added: The CIA is intending to establish counterorganizations inside Iran in addition to its plans to organize counterorganizations abroad.

TEHRAN: U.S. RESPONSIBLE FOR BEHESHTI'S DEATH

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[Unattributed commentary: "The Iranian People Will Never Forget the Slogan 'Death to America"]

[Excerpts] Dear listeners: We have good news for you today. You have probably heard from news agencies that the headquarters of the Islamic Republican Party [IRP] was totally destroyed as a result of a bomb blast last night. Yes, while Seyyed Mohammad Beheshti, president of the Supreme Court, member of the Provisional Presidential Council and head of the Islamic Republican Party, was delivering an address in the IRP headquarters building an explosion occurred in the lecture hall, killing nearly 70 of the true sons of Islam, who were close associates of Imam Khomeyni.

Yes, dear listeners, the Iranian people were grieved by this criminal (?act). Those who heard of the incident took to the streets. You may ask whether this is good news and whether the victimizing of the true revolutionaries of our country could be regarded as such. Could the martyrdom of the experienced sons of the revolution--a number of the members of the Islamic Majlis, ministers and deputy ministers--be described as good news? This is the main question. We have stated before that the world has found it difficult to understand the concept of the Islamic revolution in Iran. Have you ever asked yourselves what martyrdom means in Islam?

Yes, as far as we are concerned the good news we have for you is that a number of the devoted sons of the Iranian Islamic Republic have achieved their objective of becoming martyrs on the path that leads to God. These Islamic and revolutionary [words indistinct] became the target of a satanic plot while they gathered together in the name of God to discuss the freedom and independence of our Islamic country. We are well aware of the fact that this tragedy is a cause of great grief for our Islamic revolution and that filling the vacant seats of these valuable Islamic [word indistinct] is not an easy task. We are also aware of the fact that each and every drop of the martyrs' blood will nurture a new mojahed who will pick up arms to further the struggle of his predecessors aimed at totally removing all satanic forces.

We are not used to slandering others but we are well aware that the United States is one of the major enemies of the Islamic world and the oppressed people. The main objective of our revolution is to rid the oppressed people of the yoke of the oppressor, the United States. When the shah, the true U.S. agent in the Middle East, was deposed we emphatically stated that the United States intended to destroy the Iranian Islamic revolution. This colonialist of the century has been endeavoring to realize its intrigues in Iran through multicolored individuals.

Particularly after Reagan's coming to power, and on the basis of its own analysis of developments, the United States decided to stage a bloody purge to prevent the expulsion of its supporters, and of those seeking reconciliation with it, from the ranks of our revolution, which resulted in much bloodshed. After accumulating information on Islamic figures, the United States placed its lackeys among the ranks of the people to engage in violence--particularly to place bombs. Most probably the United States will continue to hatch such plots.

The first target of the U.S. puppets, who are known under different names, was Hojjat ol-Eslam val-moslemin Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, the iman's under secretary for military affairs and the Friday imam of Tehran. These murderers, devoid of any knowledge of God, proved that they could even assault mosques in carrying out their crimes.

Khamene'i was wounded by a bomb which exploded in the Mosque while he was preparing to attend prayers. The activists, who failed in their attempt, later took other figures as their target and placed a very large explosive in the IRP headquarters yesterday.

Dear listeners, the U.S. lackeys have failed to realize that the number of Khomeyni's aides are as many as the stars in the blue sky and that each and every new Iranian offspring will be a new supporter of the iman. That is why they planned to remove Khomeyni's closest friends. These narrowminded individuals believed that Imam Khomeyni would be isolated by the removal of Khamene'i and Beheshti.

Everyone should understand that Imam Khomeyni has 36 million friends in Iran. This figure is more than enough to dig the graves of the United States and Israel, as well as those of Saddam and As-Sadat. Yes, the tragic crime in Tehran last night should be interpreted by the world's oppressed under the U.S. yoke as good news, in that it reveals that the United States is now helpless. The United States must realize that the people taking to the streets constitute a heavy blow to criminal America. The United States must understand that the sun rises from the East, that the struggle in Islamic Iran continues and that the East will presently launch its great struggle against the [word indistinct] oppressor.

Destitute people of the Persian Gulf, chained and oppressed people of Africa, Asia and Latin America, arise. The true sons of the revolution were murdered in Iran yesterday. Tomorrow it may be your turn.

Criminal America must understand, Israel must hear and treacherous Saddam must realize that Iran has resolutely decided to continue fighting with renewed vigor. We have further strengthened our ties with God and the people. It is common knowledge that the United States intends to eradicate us; therefore, nothing can prevent us from dealing severe blows to criminal America and to its puppets in the Middle East and Iran. We are from God and thus we have to turn to God. God is the greatest.

KHAMENE'I COMMENTS ON INJURIES FOLLOWING ATTACK

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[Message issued by Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, the Friday imam of Tehran, on 30 June--recorded]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Four days after the incident which I was involved in, with the grace of God and with the tireless efforts of the dear employees of this hospital [break in transmission]. Whenever I remember that this incident has caused our illustrious imam to show his kindness and to express his sympathies in his message and that our great and heroic nation has lifted its hands in prayers, I feel ashamed. In the path of the fulfilment of duties such incidents are not worthy of so much kindness and magnanimity by the imam or the nation or the employees and workers of the medical institutions who are truly using their nights and days in this path.

Thank God, I am quite well. Today I do not feel any great discomfort. Most of my discomfort has been removed, thanks be to God. I can sit comfortably. I can easily get down from bed and I can eat comfortably. At all times I have been under the care, kindness and affection of the employees of the hospital, the doctors and everyone else.

I hereby express my boundless greetings and regards to the imam of the nation and I wish to tell him that we do not expect and do not wish that he might experience the slightest pain due to such incidents. I hope that "Long may Khomeyni last even if a goblet is broken." [Reference to Persian poem which says "Long may the wine jar last even if a goblet is broken]

Also, we do not expect the Muslim and heroic nation, which is engaged in such self-sacrifice, which is giving its pure and precious lives in the path of God on the fronts and behind the fronts to express its worries for such small incidents and to make us more ashamed than we are. I beseech God Almighty for the success of all. God's greetings and grace be upon you.

EVIN PRISON DIRECTOR KILLED BY FORMER EMPLOYEE

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[Text] Tehran, 1 Jul (AFP)--The director of Tehran's Evin Prison, Mohammad Kachu'i, who was shot dead earlier this week, was killed inside the prison on Monday by a former prison employee who fired three bullets into him, a prison spokesman said today, giving the first precise details of the killing.

The spokesman said that the man shot Mr Kachu'i for personal reasons, having being dismissed for "immorality," though he had later been employed at the prison on an occasional basis.

The man had been arrested along with "two or three accomplices."

JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 544 REPORTS SUCCESSES

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[Communique 544 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Oh Muhammadan nation of Iran: Loyal to their sacred covenant the combatants of Islam are boldly fighting more steadfastly than ever on the battlefronts and, in fulfilling their great mission are lending succor to dear Islam by sacrificing their pure blood so that on resurrection day, with hearts filled with light, with shining visions and in the company of God's saints, they might witness the shackling of the oppressors and the assassins of the martyrs of history!

You are hereby informed of some of the actions and operations undertaken by the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran during the past 24 hours as follows:

In the Dezful region, our combatant units opened fire on enemy positions and personnel, silencing enemy fire and destroying two tanks. In the same region our forces' combatant patrols were dispatched to one of the fronts, but after a short advance came under fire from the aggressors. However, thanks to supporting mortar fire, they escaped from their predicament and returned to base. During these operations one enemy tank was put out of action, but no losses were inflicted on our servicemen or equipment.

On the Abadan-Khuninshahr front, there was an exchange of fire between the two sides. Thanks to fire by our combatants, 1 enemy observation post, 2 concrete bunkers, 2 mortar emplacements and 1 machinegun emplacement of the enemies of Islam were destroyed, at least 10 of their servicemen were killed and 1 ammunition-carrying vehicle and 1 tank of the aggressors were damaged.

On the Mahshahr, Abadan, Darkhovin and As-Sulaymaniyah fronts our combatant forces opened fire on the tank and mortar positions of the Saddam aggressors. Three foxholes and two enemy ammunition dumps were destroyed. Thanks to artillery fire by our ground forces, enemy heavy-weapon fire was silenced. Our forces' fire on the positions of Saddam's army servicemen on the far bank of the Arvand Rud resulted in enemy losses and casualties. Meanwhile, enemy mortar fire on residential districts of Abadan resulted in casualties.

In the western regions of the country, intense exchange of fire continued on the Meymak and Nakhlestan [word indistinct] heights, interspersed with periods of quiet at certain hours. Our forces destroyed two enemy tanks, two other vehicles and a number of trenches in these regions. During these operations, the enemy suffered two killed and seven wounded. In the meantime, three aggressor Iraqi aircraft flying in the airspace over Ilam and Mehran were forced to flee by our antiaircraft fire.

Thanks to artillery fire by the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the Panjshir highway a number of enemy ammunition-carrying vehicles were destroyed and a number of their servicemen were either killed or wounded.

Yesterday, on one of the fronts in the west of the country, seven Iraqi servicemen seeking asylum surrendered with their weapons to the forces of Islam.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

GUARDS REPORT SITUATION ON FRONTS IN SOUTH, WEST

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[Islamic Revolution Guards Corps statement on situation at battlefronts; date of statement not given]

[Summary] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Reports of the recent operations of heroes and self-sacrificing forces of Islam are brought to your attention as follows:

A. Southern fronts:

Several Ba'thist mercenaries were killed on the Fayyaziyeh front, by heavy fire of the guards corps, and one bulldozer and several trenches of the aggressive enemy were destroyed.

Yesterday on the Darkhovin front, heavy fire of self-sacrificing forces of Islam destroyed one vehicle carrying enemy personnel and killed 15 Ba'thist infidels.

In the occupied part of Khuninshahr, intense mortar fire of the revolution guards corps destroyed several enemy squad trenches and foxholes and killed several Ba'thist mercenaries.

B. Western fronts:

Heavy artillery fire of our brave brothers in the army destoryed one tank and [word indistinct] ammunition of the agent Saddam's mercenaries.

The villages of Rizeh, Sarqal'eh and Zafarabad in the region of [name indistinct] were cleansed of the filthy presence of outlaws and illegal armed bandits.

[Signed] The Public Relations Office of the central headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

30 Jun Statement

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[Summary] The following statement has been released by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. We bring to the attention of our Muslim nation the following report on the operations of the forces of Islam against blasphemy and world arrogance:

Western Fronts

On 27 June, in the region of Zalan inside Iraqi territory, our brothers in the armed forces following the brother guards' observation killed or wounded 16 Ba'thists with artillery fire.

At 1400 on 28 June our forces opened fire on the access road to Panjwin inside Iraqi territory, totally destroying eight ammunition trucks and a group of mercenaries. Yesterday, in the same region, our brave combatants destroyed seven enemy vehicles, three loaded with ammunition. During these operations, one enemy ammunition depot was destroyed and eight Ba'thist mercenaries were killed.

On the Marivan front, artillery fire has been exchanged between the forces of right and those of falsehood, with our forces holding full superiority. In the last 48 hours two brothers from the mobilization branch of the guards corps have gained the exalted status of martyrdom on this front.

Southern Fronts

On the Abadan-Mahshahr axis, in the last few days our brave brothers in the armed forces, mobilization corps and other combatants of Islam have inflicted in a series of heroic operations heavy losses on the invading enemy, forcing them to retreat more than 12 km.

On the Dehlaviyeh front in the last few days the combatants of Islam have repulsed several enemy counteroffensives by inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

On the Darkhovin front one ammunition depot and one trench of the Ba'thist mercenaries were destroyed and 10 infidels were killed by the accurate mortar fire of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps.

On the martyr Mo'azzami front, the mortar unit of the guards corps destroyed one enemy ammunition depot.

Exchanges of fire between the combatants of Islam and Saddam's mercenary invaders are continuing on various southern fronts, and the forces of Islam have full superiority.

[Signed] The Public Relations Office of the central headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

MEMBERS OF 'DEFAMATORY MINIGROUPS' ARRESTED

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[Text] The city of Firuzabad has commemorated the martyrdom of the true children of Islam by curtailing activities. In a march through the streets of the city, citizens announced that they will fight armed battles with the defamers and U.S. lackey mercenaries.

Our correspondent has reported that resistance groups have been formed by the mobilization (?organization) and the people at Al-Nabi Mosque in the city. They are cooperating with law enforcement agents and armed forces personnel to defend the city, enforce discipline and check traffic entering and leaving the city.

According to the same report, a number of individuals belonging to American defamatory minigroups have been arrested by the people or the resistance groups.

'U.S. MERCENARIES' ARRESTED IN MARV DASHT

GF010545 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 30 Jun 81

[Text] Several filthy U.S. mercenaries, attached to a defamatory minigroup, were arrested yesterday by Marv Dasht Islamic revolution guards. They were traveling along the Shiraz-Marv Dasht road and were transporting 41 handgrenades to an undisclosed location.

They have been identified as Ruhoddin Karimi, Mahmud Reza Aziz-Ahmadi and 'Ali Aziz-Ahmadi. They have been taken to the Shiraz Revolution Court.

SHIRAZ GUARDS ARREST PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTORS

GF010534 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 30 Jun 81

[Text] Shiraz Islamic revolution guards aided by citizens arrested several individuals for publishing and distributing banned pamphlets and publications and took them to the Shiraz Revolution Court yesterday.

Kazem Qorbanzadeh, who was in possession of a box and a sack containing publications and books by the defamatory minigroup Areman-e Mostaz'afin, has been arrested. 'Ali Maljah, Amir Monshizadeh, Mehdi Mohammadi and Mohsen Hamidi have also been arrested for possessing and distributing great quantities of pamphlets and publications issued by defamatory organizations.

TEHRAN ON ARMED CLASH, EXPLOSION NEAR RAVANSAR

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[Text] PARS reports that following a confrontation yesterday between the Islamic revolution guards and illegally armed assailants near the village of (?Darabiyan) near Ravansar, the counterrevolutionaries were severely crushed and sustained losses of life. The exact number of those killed is not known. This confrontation followed the explosion of a vehicle belonging to the Islamic revolution guards by a mine planted by counterrevolutionaries. As a result of this explosion, one brother guard, Keykavus Bahrami, was martyred and another passenger in the same vehicle was injured.

VOICE OF IRAN REPORTS DISTURBANCES IN 4 CITIES

NC271540 (Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian 1805 GMT 26 Jun 81

[Text] The following is the latest report received from our correspondent on the unrest in our country:

On Thursday, severe clashes took place in Bandar-e 'Abbas, Shiraz, Gonbad and Esfahan between Khomeyni's revolution guards and patriotic freedom fighters. In these four cities of our homeland the oppressed people organized massive demonstrations. By chanting antiregime slogans they expressed their wrath over the destructive policy of the fanatic Mullahs' regime. In these clashes a large number of people were injured, but as far as deaths are concerned no reports have been released so far.

NORTH REPORTEDLY CONTROLLED BY ANTIREGIME GROUPS

NC270050 (Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian 1805 GMT 25 Jun 81

[Text] Please pay attention to a dispatch sent by the Voice of Iran correspondent from northern Iran:

Opponents of the Mullahs' regime have gained control of all areas in northern Iran, including (?Marzunabad), Ramsar, Chaboksar and Lahijan.

They have actually taken this part of our country from the clutches of the central government of the clerical regime.

The Voice of Iran correspondent adds: At a number of points on the Rasht-Tehran road, vehicles are checked by patriotic antiregime combatants. These people ask to see identity cards and grant permission for the vehicle to pass after ascertaining that the passengers are neither revolution guards nor Hezbollah members. According to one of the patriotic combatants the reason for these investigations is to find the murderous revolution guards and Hezbollah members so that they can be arrested and punished for their indecent actions.

NVOI: AMERICAN ELEMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR BOMBING

TA292123 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 29 Jun 81

[Unattributed commentary: "How One Should Give a Decisive Answer to World-Devouring America and Counterrevolution"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: Once again, the counterrevolution's and world-devouring America's elements have committed another great crime. As a result of the explosion of the bomb placed by these criminals in the office of the Islamic Republican Party in Tehran, Ayatollah Beheshti, president of the country's Supreme Court, a group of Islamic Consultative Assembly deputies and high-ranking officials of the country were martyred.

Recently, world-devouring America and its masked and unmasked elements, by taking advantage of the convulsive climate created by the Savakists, compromising liberals and U.S. Maoists and also by taking advantage of the actions due to the spirit of monopoly seeking, fanaticism and superficiality of some of the authorities, have resorted to a series of widespread subversive activities; from planting bombs to creating terror, from inciting unaware elements, to pseudo-Muslims and (?leaders). According to witnesses, it is evident that counterrevolution, elements of the former regime, Savakists who have changed color, plundering billionnaires and big landowners along with the compromising liberals and U.S. Maoists, have designed an extensive plan for overthrowing the Islamic republican system and abolishing the revolutionary gains and are engaged in the plan's implementation.

For a long time now we have said that a revolution possesses its special rules and one cannot and should not play with a revolution. Understanding and distinguishing the rules of the revolution and implementing them is the duty of every revolutionary, both religious and nonreligious. If the direction of our revolution is popular and anti-imperialist--which without doubt it is--then the rules of the revolution dictate that the initial step toward the victory of this revolution should be the dispossession of all the oppressive and antipopular elements from the economic, political, social, cultural and military fields. Experience from popular and anti-imperialist revolutions has shown that as long as the exploiting elements, dependent capitalists and big landowners--the main bases of imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism and its agents--are not dispossessed, and are not driven away from the politicoeconomic scene, the revolution and its gains will always be exposed to the danger of plots and of being overthrown. The important point in every revolution is the ability to distinguish overt danger, whether on the domestic level or the international scene. It is only by realizing which elements and classes support the revolution and which elements and classes oppose it that one can mobilize, equip and fortify the steadfastness front against the plots of counterrevolution and its imperialist supporters.

From the first days of the revolution in our homeland, both the composition of the counterrevolution front and the composition of the revolution's supporters was evident.

But, due to the compromising liberals' [word indi nc] in the upper echelons of the leadership on the one hand and the monopoly seeking, superficiality and fanaticism of some of the revolution's leaders on the other, not only was a decisive and continuous struggle not carried out against the main and principal foes of the revolution--the big landowners and capitalists, Savakists, and remnants of the former regime--but often and on numerous occasions some of the true supporters of the revolution were dealt blows.

From the beginning of the revolution to the present, despite the repeated demands of all true revolutionary forces for the necessity of the publication of the list of Savakists, not only has no measure been taken in this direction but some of these criminal elements were able to infiltrate revolutionary institutions and Hezbollahi groups by transforming the elements' appearance.

Maybe it is no longer a secret that also at present in some administrative organizations of our country some of these Savakist gentlemen are busy operating as experts. From the beginning of the revolution until today, it has been said many times that the administrative organizations of the country should be purged of unclean elements and opponents of the revolution.

We have said that the key to determining whether or not one should be purged is one's fidelity to the revolution and its gains. But, unfortunately, it has been observed that superficiality and fanaticism have been mixed up in carrying out this vital matter and, consequently, in many governmental organizations people true to the revolution have been purged under the pretext that they are not religious. And many of the revolution's foes who have changed their color are still busy in these organizations by pretending to be religious. All these elements have made it possible for counterrevolution and mercenaries of world-devouring America to start operating impudently and overtly against the system of the Islamic Republic and revolution. These elements resort to sabotage, terror, killings and obstructionism.

Under the present sensitive conditions, once again the vital issue of forming a steadfastness front composed of all the true forces committed to the revolution, disregarding ideology and whether a person is religious or nonreligious, acquires a special importance. Giving a decisive answer to the plots of counterrevolution and world-devouring America and its elements, forming a steadfastness front with the participation of all the true revolutionary forces and refraining from monopoly-seeking and superficiality means defending the revolution and its gains.

NVOI ASSAILS MOJAHEDIN-E KHALQ LEADERSHIP

TA240545 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 23 Jun 81

[Unattributed commentary: "A Few Words With the Sincere Members of the Mohahedin-e Khalq Organization"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: Today we are addressing the sincere members of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization, true mojahedin who created epics in the overthrow of the regime of Satan and the liberation of our dear homeland, Iran, from the domination of world-devouring U.S. imperialism and who as a result of the collusion of their leaders with the compromising liberals have with deep regret fallen into the steamroller trap of the United States.

Without doubt the majority of the members of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization patriotic and, at the same time, inexperienced young people who can under no circumstances approve of the present stance of the leaders of their organization, an organization which in the not-too-distant past used to present itself as a follower of the popular and anti-imperialist line of the revolution and nation, and which recognized the support of this line as the duty of all the true forces of the revolution.

The Mojahedin-e Khalq organization, an organization which up to a very short while ago used to rightly present the compromising liberals and certain CIA-created organizations like Peykar and others and certain individuals like Asemlu as pseudoleftists, deviants and traitors to the popular and anti-imperialist movement, today recognizes the Peykaris as revolutionaries and the Qasemlus as patriots. It counts these and the minority faction of the Cheriks, the Razmandegan and Rah-e Maoist minigroups, Ashraf, Dehghani,? and the Komoleh, headed by the road roller liberals, as members of its united front.

Without doubt the sincere members of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization cannot but feel (?worried) and concerned and not be indifferent toward the fact that the organization affiliated with them has today clasped the hand of certain individuals which itself had only a short while ago called traitors. True mojahedin who, in the true sense of the word, had always fought with self-sacrifice against the regime of Satan and its overseas masters, who had given hundreds of martyrs and disabled, today are witnessing the bitter and humiliating event of the declaration of war by the leaders of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization against revolutionary authority, against the popular and anti-imperialist line of the imam and the nation, against a system and authority for whose destruction international imperalism, headed by world-devouring U.S. imperialism and the reaction of the regime, has mobilized all its satanic forces.

The leadership of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization calls the system of the Islamic Republic of Iran a reactionary system and one of the most horrible forces of history. When the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization had still not fallen into the trap of the liberals and when it still considered itself committed to the popular and anti-imperialist line of the imam and the nation, when the leaders of this organization did not yet count the liberals, the Peykaris, the Qasemlus and the Bani-Sadrs as their allies, by correctly diagnosing the pulse of the revolution used to say: By [word indistinct] the struggle against reaction and by forgetting its realistic framework, the struggle against imperialism, not only are we not serving the revolution but we will be diverting it from its main path. However, these very individuals have now called Iran's revolutionary authority reactionary and the most horrible force in history. They have ordered a struggle against it and are actually pouring grist into the mill of the arch-Satan, namely, the only principal enemy of the Iranian revolution, and are repeating the very thing which Shapur Khan Bakhtiar is saying.

You, sincere members of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization know that your leaders are now precisely in a line that you yourselves struggled against for many years with self-sacrifice. You correctly recognized and continue to recognize the complete liberation of your dear homeland in the elimination of this line, the antipopular and imperialist line of the arch-Satan. Today, your leaders are in the same line with a handful of liberals who support the interests of big capitalists and landowners, American counterrevolutionary minigroups and Savakists, and all the mercenaries and agents of world-devouring U.S. imperialism. In fact they are paving the way for the return of the arch-Satan and the establishment of a fascist regime favored by Reagan and Brzezinski.

The sincere members of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization cannot but pay heed to this important fact as to what happened to the Mojahedin-e-Khalq organization so that the radios of Oveysi, Bakhtiar, Israel, the BBC, the VOA and others are now calling its leaders admirers of the homeland's freedom and freedom-seekers and are lauding their actions with unprecedented enthusiasm? Is it not true that these mouthpieces of the opponents of the popular and anti-imperialist revolution of the nation and these agents of the arch-Satan are lauding the actions of the leaders of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization because it is in every way to their benefit and to the detriment of the revolution and its gains?

The leaders of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization are sending you, sincere members of this organization, to be killed for the sake of supporting a treacherous individual like Bani-Sadr. After numerous claims, hypocrisies, and even after calling on the people to resist and persevere against revolutionary authority, they now seek refuge in a different den everyday from fear of the people's wrath.

Are so many existing proofs still not sufficient evidence for comprehending the truth by leaders of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization?

The true forces of the revolution hope that the sincere members of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization will return from the path which the deviant leaders of this organization are taking before it is too late. History will never forgive betrayal to the popular and anti-imperialist movement of the revolution and the nation. Your place, sincere members of the organization, is in the trench of the true forces of the revolution, not at the side of the sworn enemies of the revolution and at the side of the multicolored agents and mercenaries of the arch-Satan. The true and sincere mojamedin should separate themselves as soon as possible from the leaders and individuals who have led this organization toward the path of treason to the popular and anti-imperialist revolution of the nation.

NVOI: NATION SPEAKING WITH VOICE OF FORCE

TA301750 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 26 Jun 81

[Unattributed commentary: "Resorting Only to Force Is Not the Best Means of Struggle in Every Situation"]

[Excerpt] Dear compatriots: The recent clashes in various towns and Tehran have made the tense situation in our country worse. Consequently, the continuation of this situation is merely and solely to the benefit of the counterrevolution and world-devouring America lying in ambush to deliver their last blow to our Islamic revolution. Evidence indicates that agents of imperialism, Savakists who have changed color, mercenaries working for the compromising liberals and billionaires and feudalists have aimed all their efforts at worsening the tension in society. With utter ingenuity and cowardice they have drawn members of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization into their criminal acts.

We all know that these days many things are being said about the activities and position of this organization. In some cases the talk is hostile and distorts the facts regarding this organization's past. However, according to the statements of both friends and foes, before the revolution, during the overthrow and after, the mojahedin struggled and sacrificed to overcome the satanic regime and establish a new system.

During past months the leaders of this organization gradually (?refrained) from taking a correct stand and from making correct evaluations regarding the Iranian revolution and its future. This is the primary reason why the majority of this organization's members, of whose revolutionary enthusiasm and sincerity there is no doubt, were misled due to inexperience and lack of revolutionary knowledge. The second reason is that opponents of the revolution and liberals, as well as the foes of the Islamic republican system in Iran, have taken maximum advantage of the revolution for their benefit and to the detriment of the revolution. We should also not overlook the fact that some authorities, due to fanaticism, superficiality and monopoly seeking, make the leaders of the revolution become suspicious of the members of the Mojahedin-e Khalq. In fact, the authorities branded members of this organization as atheists and hypocrites.

We have said and repeat again that the stand adopted by leaders of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization does not have the approval of the true revolutionary forces. However, this fact cannot be an excuse for taking revenge, for clashes and for branding every member of this organization an atheist and hypocrite. We have said that the majority of the members of this organization are young people and youths who are enthusiastic and inexperienced individuals in need of guidance, persuasion and instruction. True Islam is not a religion of force, imposition, blind obedience. It is not a club-wielding religion. It is a religion of guidance and instruction--especially regarding individuals who because of their youth have not had vast political experience and knowledge. They justly say that any force weakening the system of the Islamic Republic, and inflicting blows on the gains of the revolution, should be crushed according to the verdict of the law of the revolution.

They justly say that even if an organization or individual in the past aided the development of the revolution, this cannot justify present errors or disloyalty.

All of the above is correct. But, regarding the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization, individuals who have yet passed the (?basic) phases of political life have taken steps along the struggle path with revolutionary enthusiasm. Thus, they commit blunders and errors. Leaders of the National Front or the Liberation Movement and individuals such as Messrs Bazargan, Sanjabi, Qotbzadeh, Entezam, Yazdi, Sabagghian and politicians such as Nazih, Amini, Shariac Madari, Bani-Ahmad, Moqadem and Maraghei have whitened their heads in politics and political wheeling and dealing and defend the interests of the oppressors and their Western masters. They have misled a number of inexperienced youths aged from 18 to 25 whose revolutionary enthusiasm and sincerity cannot be doubted.

At present a group of billionaires and feudalists--bloody foes of the Iranian revolution--and their supporters, such as Messrs Yazdi, Qotbzadeh, Bazargan and Salamatian, are walking with their heads high and are leading all the plots against the revolutionary authority. But, regarding youths who have a heart full of love for the homeland and love for oppressed people, the nation speaks only with a voice of force. So much so that with a tranquil heart, a death sentence was passed on a 16-year-old youth. Can such an attitude be called an Islamic and revolutionary attitude? Does such haste mixed with fanaticism and superficiality not bolster a propaganda file for imperialism's and Zionism's mouthpieces as well as for the foes of Iran's revolution? Does it not disintegrate the front of the Iranian revolution?

There is no doubt that in order to foil plots and sedition against the revolution--which are aimed at weakening the system of the Islamic Republic--one should act with revolutionary decisiveness. But, there is also no doubt that the truth can never be known through force and obligatory obedience. Our homeland is passing through a sensitive stage, a stage in which all the evil forces within the country and abroad are acting to liquidate the gains of our nation's revolution. The cutting edge of the struggle should be aimed at the principal enemies: the oppressive elements, the compromising liberals and agents of America and its allies. While adopting revolutionary decisiveness, we should also strive to guide and persuade the sincere and enthusiastic revolutionary youths who have unfortunately been misled.

BANI-SADR SAID TO ASK SUPPORTERS TO FIGHT REGIME

GF281329 (Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 0330 GMT 28 Jun 81

[Text] According to a dispatch from a Voice of Iran correspondent, Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, the ousted president of the Mullahs' regime, in a statement distributed in London, has called upon his supporters to resist the dictatorship of the regime of the mullahs. In the statement Bani-Sadr called his dismissal from the post of president of the mullahs' regime illegal and said: My dismissal was based on cheating and tricks by the deputies in the Islamic Consultative Assembly.

Bani-Sadr, in his statement, invited his supporters to end the dictatorship and fight for a better future. Political observers have called the statement useless and have asked: How does Bani-Sadr dare ask such a thing from his supporters now that he is no longer in power when he was one of the founders of the decadent regime of Khomeyni's republic? The oppressed and suffering people or Iran no longer have patience for professional traitors and double agents like Bani-Sadr. They have been fooled by the servant of the imam of the nation once and will not (?fall in the same trap) again.

The minigroups that still support Bani-Sadr will soon realize their mistake and join the lines of true patriots seeking freedom.

RADIO IRAN EQUATES BANI-SADR WITH OTHER LEADERS

GF281935 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 28 Jun 81

[Commentary: "What Does Bani-Sadr Say?"]

[Text] As we informed you during our newscast, a statement supposedly issued yesterday by Abolhasan Bani-Sadr was distributed in several countries including Turkey. The statement by the deposed and refugee president of Khomeyni's Islamic Republic, Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, like his own being, is full of contradictions, deceit and demagogy. He claims that he is in possession of documents, the revelation of which will force all the leaders of the Islamic Republic to clear the scene and go into hiding. The question is who are the leaders of the Islamic Republic but Khomeyni, Beheshti, Raja'i and Rafsanjani? What is Bani-Sadr going to say (?about them)? If he is thinking of all the murders, then the people are aware of it. If he wants to talk about all the behind-the-scene games, then his statement will be on the cooperation of the leaders of the Islamic Republic with the "great satan," London or Washington.

The Iranian nation, however, is aware of this matter. Is he, as one of the leaders of the Islamic Republic, who walked shoulder to shoulder with Khomeyni and Beheshti from the first day, not responsible for such matters? What does Bani-Sadr really have to say? (?Nothing) except to describe the Khomeyni and Beheshti treachery and the espionage (?activities) of Bazargan and himself.

The deposed president says in another part of yesterday's statement: The Islamic Republican Party obtained its majority in the Majlis by cheating. Why did he not say this at the beginning? Why was he quiet then? Was he not aware of this? No, never. He was aware of everything, but was after power and position and, therefore, trickery and cheating, be it by Khomeyni or Beheshti, did not matter to him.

In this statement Bani-Sadr threatens his former spiritual father on the one hand with removing him from the scene and on the other hand asks his permission to talk through his loudspeakers to the people for three hours in order to reveal things about Khomeyni and Beheshti. How crude and forlorn of the former spiritual son of the imam. He threatens Khomeyni and asks his permission to make a speech at the same time. He dismisses Khomeyni's order of dismissal and at the same time is prepared to be tried by Khomeyni's just courts. He does not accept the Constitution of the Islamic Republic according to which he was dismissed but wants to remain president and defend this anti-Iranian law. Can there be any more contradictions?

The truth is that Bani-Sadr has nothing to say since the people have been aware for some time of what he may be trying to say. The people are aware of the treachery of the mullah's regime as much as they are of the torture and execution of the innocent. The people are well aware of the identity of Khomeyni's and Beheshti's masters and who holds the strings of the Islamic Republic. Bani-Sadr only wants to scare his present competitors and enemies, who used to be his former allies, otherwise he has nothing to say. Anything he says about the Government of the Islamic Republic of Khomeyni and its leaders includes himself. He is not cleared from any of the charges and cannot deny the execution of the Iranian officers by the order of the head of the secret Revolution Council, Abolhasan Bani-Sadr. Nor can he deny his cooperation with General Huyser, Richard (Katem), Ramsey Clark or Brzezinski.

Bani-Sadr is a part of the Islamic Republic, which has been discarded, and is better off silent. If the Islamic Republic does not kill him, the Iranian nation will not leave him without their revenge

RADIO IRAN ON BANI-SADR'S OUSTER, BEHESHTI'S DEATH

GF291921 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 29 Jun 81

[Unattributed commentary]

[Excerpts] Compatriots: Our Iran is in turmoil. Iran has risen. A storm is gathering that will destroy the basis of a regime invented by foreigners, a regime which has been bloodying our homeland for 2 and 1/2 years. The events of the past few days, from the dismissal and escape of Abolhasan Bani-Sadr and the attempted assassination of Mullah 'Ali Khamene'i to the bomb explosion at the center of the anti-Iranian plotters, all attest to this undeniable fact.

Meanwhile, Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, the deposed president of the Islamic Republic, who at present is hiding in a dark hole--the person who was one of the elements that established this regime, the one who executed officers and soldiers of the Iranian Army, the one who shot students and approved every criminal act and any murder or plunder for over 2 years, calling them Islamic--now makes statements for the Iranian youth and women. How dare he allow himself to ask the Iranian youth to follow him? He who has not even granted humanity to Iranian women, saying they should be covered by the veil and only be the (?property) of men, now says that women should resist Khomeyni's dictatorship.

We say the past black life of Bani-Sadr--this mercenary minimullah--is not unknown to the Iranian nation. No one will be fooled by his attempts any longer. It is better that the former spiritual son of the imam, the deposed refugee president, remain silent.

How can Mullah 'Ali Khamene'i, one of the leaders of the regime, who until 2 days ago sent messages of congratulations to his invented imam on the execution of Iranian youth and on the murder and execution of innocent women and men--young and old--claim to be an Iranian? How can he be named the great soldier of Islam, of the Koran, of God, of the imam and of the Islamic nation?

It is obvious that the nation will not remain silent over such a degree of cruelty and will rise. Yesterday evening the nation dealt a heavy blow to the regime of the Islamic Republic of Khomeyni. The explosion of a large bomb in the center of imperialist plots last evening killed 69 of the colonialist spies and fifth column mullahs. They have gone to the same heaven that Khomeyni has promised the innocent and deceived youth of our (?land). The leader of the plotters, the black fox of the Islamic Republic, Mohammad Hoseyni Beheshti was sent to hell and took some of his mercenary allies with him. The leaders of the decadent, inhuman and anti-Iranian regime of mullahs, following the news of the destruction of Beheshti, published communiques and messages claiming he was the main reason for the Islamic revolution and that he was a great figure in Islam. It is not unknown to anyone that the Islamic Republic is nothing but a plot by foreigners. Everyone is aware that Beheshti was the main spoke of the plot's wheel. Hashemi-Rafsanjani and Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i, the two other agents who escaped with their lives, have now started mourning and have been asking the mahdi to come and save their Islamic Republic. They complain to God that the people are after their hides. The extent of shamelessness and audacity.

Last night's incident is only the beginning. Compatriots beware. Beware of the Islamic murderers, who feel harassed and will be after you. Be careful. Since they are no longer aware of their actions and are at the height of terror and worry, they will resort to any criminal act. We tell those who have been deceived and are wearing the robes of guards or Hezbollahis to stop such barbaric and inhuman activities and return to the fold of the nation before it is too late.

Learn from the incident of last night. Know that this is the beginning. Before it is too late, return from the front of murder, criminality and bloodspilling to the trench of the nation and homeland, the trench of freedom and Iran's liberation.

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SOVIET ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT REPORTEDLY DISCOVERED

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[Bruce Loudon dispatch: "Russians 'Setting up Spy Radio Bases'"]

[Excerpt] New Delhi--Soviet "spying' in southern Asia was causing deepening concern yesterday after disclosures that Russian officials had been discovered taking highly-sophisticated radio equipment into a second country in the region. Highly-placed sources in Katmandu, capital of the Himalayan mountain Kingdom of Nepal, said 84 crates of powerful electronic equipment were impounded a few days ago on the Indo-Nepal border after being carried by road from Calcutta. The crates, which were kept under surveillance by embassy personnel from Katmandu, were released when officials insisted that they contained "building material."

SRI LANKA

FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WITH PRC'S HUANG HUA HELD

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[By Dilip Ganguly]

[Excerpts] Colombo, 30 Jun (AFP)--China and Sri Lanka concluded their first round of talks today, which were marked by "very friendly and frank discussions" on Afghanistan, the forthcoming United Nations-sponsored New York conference on Kampuchea and last weekend's Sino-Indian accord to strive for improved bilateral relations, Sri Lankan Foreign Minister A.C. Shahul Hameed said. "Our relations are growing day by day... We have almost identical views on all major international issues," Mr Hameed told newsmen after his 2-hour long meeting with visiting Chinese Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Huang Hua. Mr Huang arrived in this Indian Ocean island nation earlier in the day on the second leg of his three-nation South Asian tour. He earlier visited India and will end his current swing in the Maldive Islands.

Mr Hameed said that no specific issue was discussed in detail today. "We are meeting again tomorrow to give final shape to our talks," he said. Mr Hameed said that the Chinese minister was "very positive and very hopeful" that the proposed Sino-Indian border talks scheduled for September-October would bring results. Mr Hameed said that Sri Lanka's application for membership of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) made last month, did not figure in the talks. Mr Hameed said that no specific economic issue was discussed today but observers believed that the 1952 Sino-Sri Lankan rubber rice trade agreement would be reviewed during the talks.

Later in the evening Mr Huang called on Sri Lankan Prime Minister R. Premadasa. They had a general exchange of views on various issues, a spokesman said without elaborating. On his arrival here Mr Huang was given a traditional welcome at Colombo's Katunayake Airport, 34 km from the city. In his brief airport speech Mr Huang said his visit would bring about "fruitful" results for maintenance of peace and stability in the region. "I will take this opportunity to further develop our bilateral relations... We should deepen our understanding on various world issues," Mr Huang told Mr Hameed.

Mr Hameed said he was happy to receive his Chinese guest and voiced hope the two countries' relations would be consolidated further. "I was looking forward to your visit with a lot of happiness and we hope to benefit from your visit," he said.